



BULLETIN

August, 2024

Website: sonorasirs.org
SONORA BRANCH #136

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, Sept. 10th

(Note: no meeting in Aug. due to our picnic).

Reserve your spot(s) with:

Jerry Bellefeuille

sirjerry4@gmail.com

Or Call (209) 588-3978

Leave Your Name, Badge No. & Number of guests.

Deadline for reservations is:

Sept. 5, 2024

Menu: Chicken Cordon Blue, Rice Pilaf, Peas, Green Salad and Chocolate Pudding

Guest Speaker: TBD



BULLETIN INPUT NOTICE

Don Herzer Editor - (209) 586-3078

If you have any photos of your activity please attach them to your reports. If I do not receive your report by the deadline I will just report no activity for the month. Please send all bulletin input to Don Herzer at:

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Aug. 31, 2024



BIG SIR MESSAGE

Rick Bronner

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SIR—Sons in Retirement. Founded over 60 years ago. A lot of history there. But the big question is not our history but our future. For several years now we have been losing members. Of course, we know COVID put a major dent in our membership that we have not recovered from. Last year all the branches were asked if we should open up our membership to all genders to boost membership. Most branches voted it down. There were a couple that ok'd it. Membership didn't grow. Right now, at the State level there are several proposals to change our 501c status and possibly update or change our name to be more forward looking. The fear is if we don't do anything we will keep losing members and our insurance costs will balloon making it quite expensive for the remaining branches. SIR could die a slow death if nothing is done. In order for SIR or whatever we call ourselves to survive, something needs to be done. I know most people don't like change and I'm sure we may lose some existing members if the changes go through. We really need to ask ourselves what our future holds. I'm convinced that whatever our name or status becomes we have made lots of friends for life and have created many lasting memories. Those will never go away. So, let's look to the future and see how we can make more of those friends and memories!

Ok enough of the politics now it's time to talk about having FUN. Our Summer picnic is only weeks away. Remember this year we have moved the date to accommodate our SIR Bowlers and Golfers so our picnic will be held on Wednesday August 21st at Indigency Reserve. Our feast this year is ONLY \$25! It's not too late to join in the fun. All the info is here in the newsletter. OH, and don't forget to bring a raffle prize! See you there.

Rick Bronner



LITTLE SIR MESSAGE

Mike Krom

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After a lot of different type of pains and unknowns I was informed by Stanford hospital that all the cancer was removed. Of course they will check up with me every 90 days with PSA testing, then 120 days and then 180.

I am very grateful with the staff there and the prayers I received from my friends. My efforts associated with SIRS will continue and my concentration will be more focused. Thank you everyone.

Mike



INTERNET CHAIRMAN

Jerry Bellefeuille (209) 588-3978

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Our Branch website is at sonorasirs.org. Here you can look at current as well as old bulletins, BEC meeting minutes and more. Please let me know if you have a new email address so I can get timely branch information to you. I hope to see you all at the next meeting. Our state sir bulletin can be viewed at <https://wearesir.com>.



GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Our July tournament was once again held at Teleli GC. The weather was hot and sticky but the course was in great condition. The format was Two man best ball with Stableford scoring. High score wins. Congrats to Gene Deaver and Jim Simmons for taking 1st place. Tied for 2nd place was Tom Niederer and Rick Bronner with their playing partners. Also, kudos to Gene Deavers for 3rd place closest to the pin on hole #5. The next tournament is scheduled for August 20 at Teleli GC.

Raul Santana



RV CLUB NEWS

Eddie Toews (209) 770-3776
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The RV group had a great outing to Sugar Barge, Bethel Island, the middle of July. We had 14 rigs that attended the outing. Plenty of food, drinks, fun and visiting was had by all. The weather was great except for the delta winds that came up almost every day.

I do want to thank Knute and Maryjoan Kleinen's for opening up their home and inviting the club over for a fantastic dinner and drinks. Knute transferred from branch 136 to the Discovery Bay Sir's branch a few years ago. He stayed a member of the RV Club. This was very nice of them.

Several of the guys went fishing in the Delta and several fish were caught, NO fish were kept or eaten. They do a catch and release fishing trip.
[See pictures pages 4-6]

Unfortunately, we don't have any other outings scheduled for the rest of this year. The only function we have will be our annual Christmas Dinner in December.

We still need new members in the club, so if you have a rig and would like to join us, contact Eddie Toews at 209-770-3776 and I will help you get into the club.

Stay safe on the road.

Eddie Toews
Past RV Chairman



CHAPLIN'S CORNER

Steven Gregory - (209) 728-5707
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No activity this month
Steven Gregory



MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

George Cocores - (209) 456-9814
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT JULY 2024

July Luncheon

Luncheon Attendance (56%) 68
Excused Absences (44%) 54

Current Month Membership

Active Membership (June) 122
Applicants Being Installed +1
Active Members Lost -1
Active Membership July 122



FISHING CHAIRMAN

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Trout and Kokanee fishing is still slow. Part of the reason may be that very few fishermen are out on the water. My wife and I took a ride up Hw 4 to Spicer Meadows. Two other boats on the lake. We hooked a few but failed to get any to the boat. And again when the heat set in we came home.

The SIRs RV group was at Bethel Island a week ago. Sol Robin, Bill Guenza, Scott Lewis and myself managed 10 or 12 bass. There again the heat was a factor. Sol was nice enough to take us out on his pontoon boat. Steve Finigian took a bass or two if memory serves me right. Overall a few fish are better than none.

[See pictures pages 4-7]

Chuck Simons



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Ray Di Basilio
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Our big event at the National Bowling Stadium is coming soon. If you have not signed up for the August 12-14 event, or if you would like to bowl but don't have a partner or a team, let me know and I can most likely get you in. This may be the year of match-making! I just need to know who you would like to bowl with and on which days you are able to participate.

Ray Di Basilio



CAR CLUB NEWS

Rick Bronner - (408) 318-4826
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Liz and I just returned from a week in the Seattle area visiting with my son and his family. One of our trips was to the Lemay Museum in Marymount. The more well known one is the one in Tacoma. The Marymount location just south of Tacoma is more of a private collection run by family and friends. The museum is a lot more than a car museum although it houses well over 500 cars. The museum houses everything Americana. There are collections of brass hose nozzles, outboard motors, oil cans and so much more I could go on and on. We got a private tour in a special building that has cars in chronological order starting with late 1890's all the way up to the 2000.s. If you're ever in the Seattle area you need to put it on your must-see list. We also lucked out and got to the Good Guys car show at the fairgrounds. It took several hours to see the hundreds of cool cars there. There were lots of vintage hotrods and collector cars to see. I took a whole lot of pictures hopefully some will get in the newsletter.

Rick Bronner



KAYAKING

Sol Robin (707) 315-1284
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The next outing will be Tuesday August 27th at Pinecrest. There will not be a formal outing in July as pretty much everybody will be out of town.

Sol Robin



PINOCHLE REPORT

No Report this month
Chairman Position now open





SIRs BRANCH 136 ANNUAL PICNIC

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

Will be held at Indigeny Reserve

Social hour will be at 11:00 A.M.

Lunch will be at approximately
12:00 P.M.

Menu

Choice of:

BBQ RIBS or BBQ CHICHEN
or GRILLED GOURMET SAUSAGE
or VEGETABLE SKEWER

Sides will include:

Ranch Style Beans, Mac & Cheese,
Sweet Potato Salad, Honey Cornbread,
Desserts, Sweetened Ice Tea,
Lemonade and Infused Water.

Branch will provide Beer and Wine
while it lasts. Each person will
receive two drink tickets when they
check in at the gate.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person
and will be on sale at the June
and July regular meetings. Tickets
Will **NOT** be sold at the door.

RAFFLE PRIZES APPRECIATED

Raffle Changes

Anyone that donates a raffle prize to the
picnic will be given a free raffle card
with 10 tickets to use for the raffle prizes.

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Eddie Toews 209-770-3776

Stan Enos George Cocores

Gene Zannoni Mel Kutsch

Rick Bronner

MAXIMUM 224 TICKETS AVAILABLE

NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER

AUGUST 15, 2024





August Birthdays:

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|------------------------|-------|
| Burke, Randall (Randy) | 08/04 |
| Gregory, Stephen | 08/07 |
| Page, Rex T. *DSA | 08/09 |
| Rodgers, Travis (T.J.) | 08/12 |
| Cunningham, Michael | 08/19 |
| Willhoite, Robert | 08/19 |
| McVey, Lance | 08/25 |
| Nuzum, Jim | 08/31 |
| Boldemann, Lloyd | 08/31 |



**We need volunteers,
It seems that the same
few people do all the
work. If you like your
membership in our
club do your part and
volunteer.
Contact any officer or
board members to
volunteer for an event
or become an Activity
Chairman. Pinochle
is open and available.**

Volunteer today!



SIR Classifieds

SIR Members are now invited to place ads for **items** that they want to sell—services are not allowed. A 10% fee will be charged based upon the selling price, up to a maximum fee of \$100 per item. If you are just donating an item, there is no charge.

FREE—FREE--FREE

Pioneer PRO 141 FD 60" HD Flat Panel
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4 ACE 19x8 Alloy Wheels

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Rick Bronner 408-318-4826 bronnerrick@gmail.com



Fishing the Delta:



Highlights of RV Outing to the Delta



More highlights from the Delta





Lemay Museum (see Car Club Article)





Good Guy's Show (see Car Club Article)



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2024 Local SIR Branches Combined Social Activities:
 All SIR members are welcome to join in any other branch activity.
 Many items are for couples so please contact the Event Chair.
 Please start and chair a new activity-if it's not listed.

Area Big Sir Roster	77 136 172	Donald Ronalter Rick Bronner Mark Knapp	(209) 984-9383 (408) 318-4826 (209) 613-7767
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Branch #</u>	<u>Activity Chair</u>	<u>Telephone (209)</u>
Biking	172	Steve Happel 2nd Tuesday of the month	532-7240
Bowling	77	Mike Coe	769-3413
Car Club	136	Rick Bronner	(408) 318-4826
Fishing	136	Chuck Simmons	532-9550
Golf	77	Danny Laureta	586-4567
	136	Raul Santana	(925) 451-7351
	172	Richard Broddie	586-3151
Hiking	77	Mike Clay	588-1345
		moderate hike every Friday	
Horseshoes	172	Rich Brandau	352-4320
		Last Thursday of the month	
Kayak	136	Sol Robin	(707) 315-1284
	172	Dave Kenney 4th Tuesday of the month	(650) 867-4671
Pinochle	136	Looking for a Chairman	
RV Travel	136	Eddie Toews	770-3776
Tech/Computer	172	Dick Chimenti	677-7070
		Rich Nedbal	247-6497
Theatre	172	Dave Tibbets	532-2453
Travel	143	Bill Stires (Modesto)	988-5445
	172	Charles Luke	533-3683

As of March 2024

Want Some SIRs Apparel?

Here is how to get it:

Get on your computer and go to <https://sir.ourproshop.com> and peruse the items available and order online. Notice that shipping and handling charges are avoided above a certain order amount. If your order is large enough to avoid these charges or you are willing to pay them, process your order. If you know of a friend who also wants SIRs merchandise, consolidate your order with him.

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2020 & 2021 - Gene Zanoni
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BRANCH #136 HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Dale Decker - Big Sir 2016
Eddie Toews - Treasurer 2009 - current
Gene Zanoni - Big Sir 2020 & 2021

HONORARY LIFE EMERITUS

Frank Taylor - Treasurer 2001-2015
We are all so sorry for his passing on

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Applications for membership in Sonora SIR Branch #136 are to be obtained from the Membership Director at the monthly meetings, by telephoning him at 456-9814 and ask for an application form that will be mailed to you, or by downloading the form from our branch website.

www.sonorasirs.org. After the application is filled out, it is to be returned to George Cocores with a check for the amount stated on the application. George's address is 17595 Brentwood Ln. Twain Harte, CA 95383

Jan. 24, 2024

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